Prioritization Criteria for Business Objectives July 18, 2006

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This defines the prioritization criteria to be used in conjunction with the Objectives – Feasibility Study document. Using the definitions below, rate each objective in all three of the following categories:

1. Logical Sequence

This category addresses the extent to which the objective is foundational to an enterprise solution for financial and administrative business functions. The rating options are:

Foundational: The objective is part of building the foundation for a successful enterprise solution

Functional: The objective is a part of the functionality needed for a successful enterprise system.

Nice to have: The objective is neither foundational nor functional

An example:

Objective: Provide chart of accounts definitions and standards to enable agency and statewide data collection and financial analysis.

I would rate this as foundational because the chart of accounts and the standards for using each account will be the foundation to a successful enterprise solution.

2. Value – Measurable tangible and intangible benefits

This category addresses the extent to which the objective will contribute to measurable tangible and/or intangible benefits in terms of dollars gained, costs avoided, giving better service and information to taxpayers and customers, and improving program outcomes. The rating options are:

High: Significant contribution to measurable benefits.

Medium: Some contribution to measurable benefits.

Low: Benefits are not measurable.

Example using the same objective as above:

Objective: Provide chart of accounts definitions and standards to enable agency and statewide data collection and financial analysis.

I would rate this objective Medium under this category because the chart of accounts would provide measurable improvement to information analysis and financial reporting.

3. Accountability to constituents and citizens

This category addresses the value of the objective in terms of accountability to constituents and citizens. The rating options are:

High: The objective provides a high level of accountability to constituents and citizens

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Medium: The objective provides some accountability to constituents and citizens.

Low: Contributes little or no accountability to constituents and citizens.

Using the same example as above:

Objective: Provide chart of accounts definitions and standards to enable agency and statewide data collection and financial analysis.

I would rate this objective high in this category because collection and analysis of data across agencies would provide a high level of accountability.